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			crores. In pursuance of Patna High Court's order, show cause notice for the demand of Rs. 8.29 crores is under process of issue in consultation with the Advocate General of Bihar and Senior Govt. Counsel Patna High Court.
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Adjudication proceeding against M/s. ITC Ltd.

3491. SHRI RAMSINGH RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the adjudication proceedings on a show-cause notice to M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. involving more than Rs. 800 crores is pending; if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the date when it was started and the reason for which it is taking so long a time to complete the same:

(b) by when the above adjudication proceedings are likely to be completed;

(c) whether Government have launched or propose to launch any prosecution case against M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. during the pendency of adjudication; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A show cause notice alleging evasion of Rs. 804 crores approx. was issued on 27-3-87 to M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. The adjudication proceedings started on the date of issue of the show cause notice itself. In this case, as in all other adjudications, principles of natural justice have to be followed by the departmental Adjudicating Authorities. Efforts are being made to complete the adjudication proceedings at the earliest.

(c) and (d) No prosecution has been launched against I.T.C. Ltd. in respect of this case because normally launching of prosecution is considered only after completion of adjudication proceedings.

Recovery on Income-tax dues from M/s. I.T.C. Ltd.

3492. SHRI RAMSINGH RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 65 crores of rupees towards income-tax recovery from M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. is pending realisation due to some litigation in Calcutta high Court;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the stage at which the litigation rests at present; and

(c) by when this amount is likely to be realised from M/s. I.T.C. Ltd.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) A gross demand of about Rs. 65 crores in respect of assessment years 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1986-87 has been raised in this case. The net demand after adjustment of pre-paid taxes etc. is Rs. 39.74 crores. However, the Calcutta High Court passed an interim injunction restraining the assessing officer from serving the relevant assessment orders and demand notices on the assessee. The Income-tax Department is taking necessary steps to get the interim injunction vacated.

(c) Since the High Court has not yet vacated the interim injunction, it is not